

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1294 - SB 1450

March 29, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Establishes that a supervisor, principal, or public school teacher does not have to take an assessment to renew an expired license if, at the time of application for the renewal of the expired license, they possess an active professional license in a state that has a reciprocal agreement with the State Board of Education (SBE).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005878): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill. Establishes that a supervisor, principal, or public school teacher is not required to take an assessment to reactivate an expired license from this state if they possess an active professional license in a state that has a reciprocal agreement with SBE.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- SBE policy establishes that an educator seeking to reactivate an inactive teaching license does not need to submit new scores if they have submitted qualifying scores to the Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation that are less than five years old on all required content and literacy assessments for each endorsement they seek to reactivate as well as meet all other SBE requirements.
- The proposed legislation will expand the options available to educators with an expired license to opt out of Tennessee testing requirements to renew an expired license.
- Establishing additional assessment exemptions for teachers seeking to renew an expired license will not significantly impact processes or procedures of SBE or the Department of Education. Any fiscal impact will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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